November

Worship Leaders

Nov. 1 - Rev. Joan H. Mier

Nov. 8 - Rev. Joan H. Mier

Nov. 15 - Craig Bielke

Nov. 22 - The Rev. Jeremy Lopez

Nov. 29 - Craig Bielke

KINDERCOTTAGE

MISSION TEAM IS COLLECTING ITEMS:
Toddler sized gloves, hats, socks & undies
for ages 1-5 years old!

**Please bring your donations to the church office or drop them off on Sundays in the X-mas wrapped boxes located in the Welcome Center.
from October 18 - November 16th**

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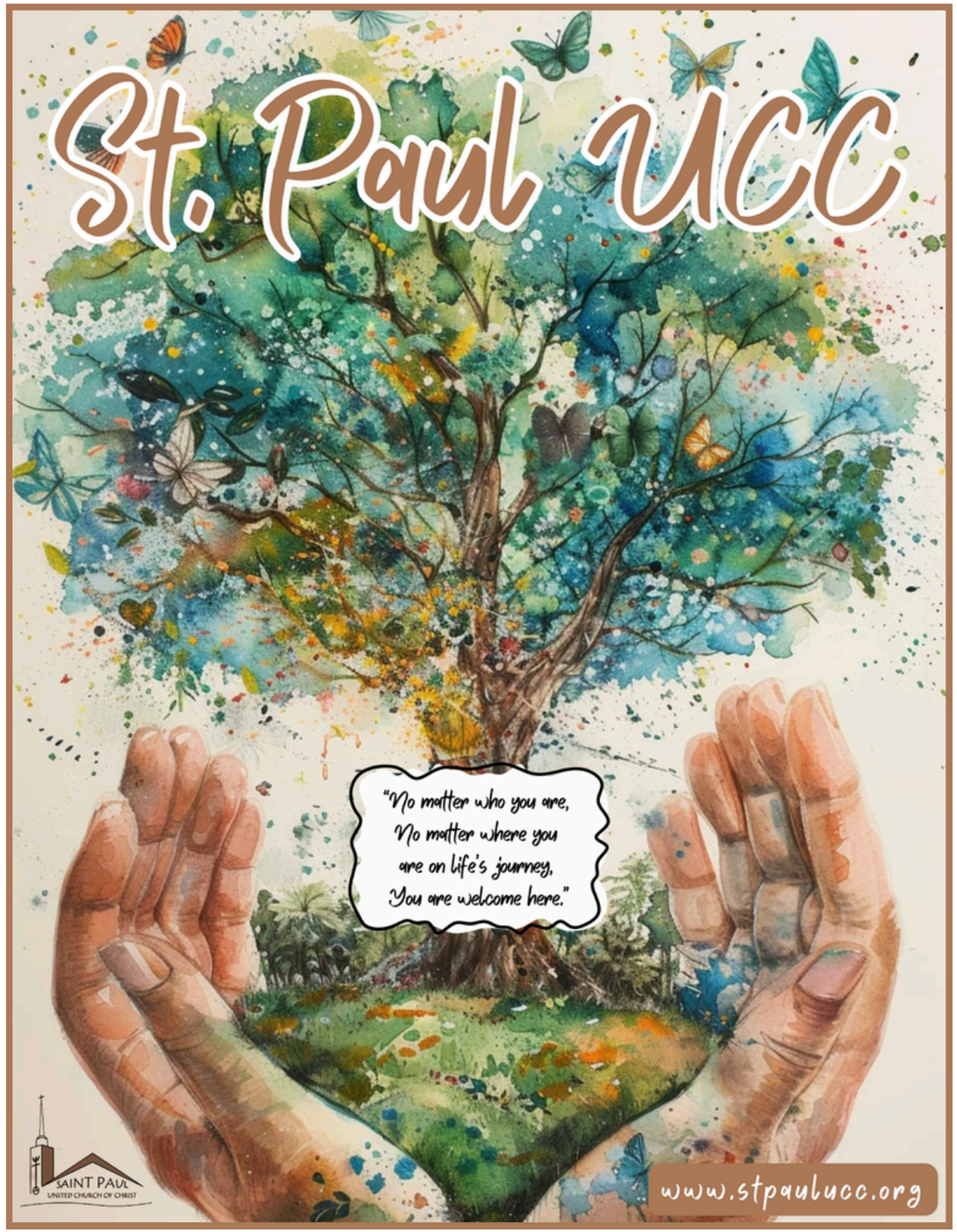
For Your Prayers

Carol Hotz & Fred Hotz
The Ritter family, Tim, Sandy & Tim Jr.
Lou Ann Niemann
Al Stahl
Laura Sadler
Alec Zaber
Jane Bonaldi
Paul Sutherland
Cathy Blaies and family (Mike's sister)
Sylvia, sister of Luci Bradley
Rich Wilburn and his family,
son-in-law of Stephenie Bauza
Stephen Agnew, son of Carolyn Hazelip
Gay Eckert
Larry Walton
Jane Peters, sister of Jerry Pierce
Bette Ettling
The Gentry family
Wes Krummrich
Gerry Hough
Stephen Schmidt
Dolly Kirsch
JoAnn Elmore

Please call the office for prayer requests. 618-233-3303

Weekly Offerings		11/7/2026
Operating	$	9,467.00
Building Fund	$	20.00
	$	9,487.00
Giving YTD	***$***	***315,753.64***
Weekly Budget	$	6,974.00
Budget to Date	$	306,856.00
Total Budget	$	362,648.00

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service		
November 1, 2026	90	+ Online Participants
November 2, 2025	107	+ Online Participants



Welcome

Sunday, November 15, 2026 ~ 9am

25th Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Lay Leader . . . . . Craig Bielke
Director of Music . . . . . Dr. Tristan Frampton
Organist/Pianist . . . . . Cynthia Johnson
Liturgist . . . . . Peggy Burke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *One There Is Above All Others*
Hymn Tune: "Amen sjunge hvarje tunga" (Swedish)
By Andreas P. Berggren, arr. Robert Wetzler

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**
Family of God, whom do you serve?
We serve God, who calls us to love your neighbors, tend creation, and care for the least of these.
Family of God, in a world that values productivity and profit, whom do you serve?
We serve God, who calls us to value equity, justice, and sabbath for all.
Family of God, we gather here to grow in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.
Let us now enter the joy of serving God, who is love.
We gather to worship God and work for God's purposes until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**
God, our kind and loving provider, you no longer call us servants but friends. There is so much you have entrusted to us, even the future of your kingdom of justice and love. Give us the grace to work out with you the growth of mercy and goodness in this world, to be united with all Christians and with all who seek you with sincere heart in bringing reconciliation and joy to everyone. Let us go together the way to you, our lying and loving God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

peace
BE WITH YOU

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Friday, Nov. 27 @ 12 noon after the parade!

Pizza & drinks provided!

~Threads of Hope~

We are a vendor at the The Weingarten Holiday Market
Nov. 29th 12-3pm
1780 E. State Rt. 15
Belleville, IL

STAR TREE

PICK UP YOUR STARS STARTING NOVEMBER 22ND!

Please take one or more stars. Write your name by the star number. We have 44 kids who will love to receive a Christmas gift this year. To be sure each child receives a similarly valued gift we recommend a gift value of $30.

If you prefer not to shop, we will have our elves shop for you! Please send in your monetary donation to the office by Dec. 1st.

Please bring your wrapped gifts to the church WITH YOUR STAR ATTACHED by Sunday, Dec. 13th.

Merry Christmas

PROST!

POLKAS, PRETZELS & PFEFFERNUSSE

Join us for a St. Paul Fine Arts Fundraiser Sunday, November 15 @ 3 p.m. in Heritage Hall for an afternoon of German dancing, singing and music!

Fine Arts German Concert

Your $30 reservation includes:
appetizers, beer, wine, soft drinks and a concert.
Scan the QR code to purchase tickets.

SIGN-UP IN THE WELCOME CENTER ON SUNDAY MORNINGS OR THROUGH THE CHURCH OFFICE.

Payment is appreciated with your reservation.

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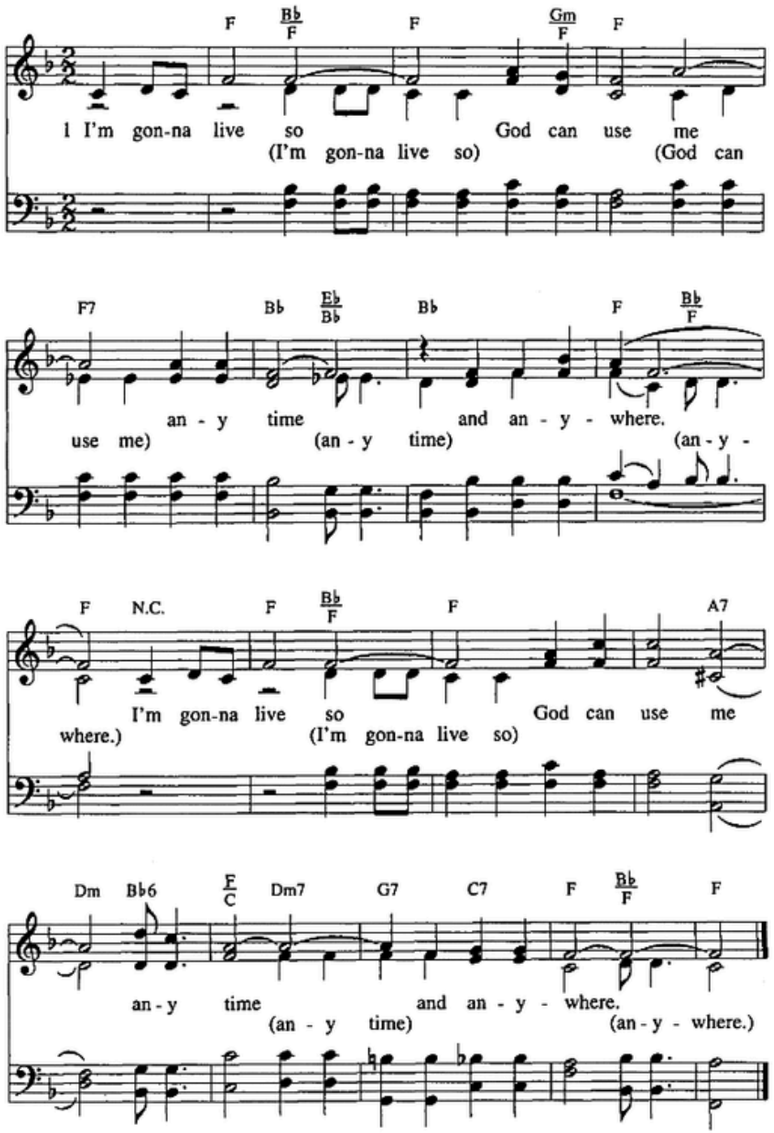
SAVE THE DATE!

SANTA PARADE WALKERS NEEDED!

NOVEMBER 27TH

CLOSING HYMN

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me 574
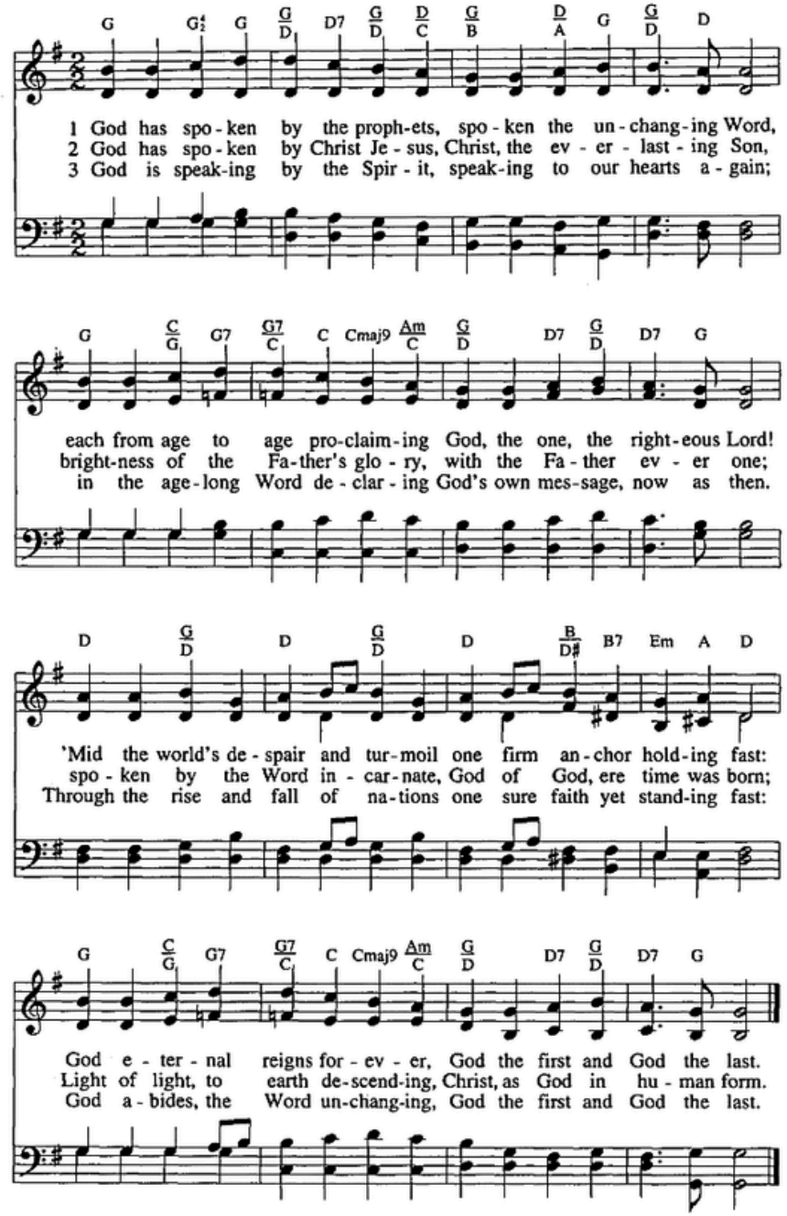


2 I'm gonna work... 3 I'm gonna pray... 4 I'm gonna sing...

WORDS and MUSIC: African-American spiritual

I'M GONNA LIVE
Irregular

OPENING HYMN

667 God Has Spoken by the Prophets



WORDS: George W. Briggs (1875-1959)
MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

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HYMN TO JOY
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CALL TO AND UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God, we have failed to love you with our whole heart and to be good stewards of your creation. We have failed to take up the cross of discipleship and to be good stewards of your gospel. We have faith to be faithful members of your church and to be good stewards of your spiritual gifts. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM *Many Gifts, One Spirit*
by Mary Lynn Lightfoot
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURES Judges 4:1-7, Psalm 123, Matthew 25:14-30 — Peggy Burke

SERMON — Craig Bielke

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP MISSION MOMENT

RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS AND OFFERTORY MUSIC
Duet in F Major
by Samuel Wesley

***DOXOLOGY (Tune: Old Hundreth)**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ in whom God's grace we know
Praise Spirit, with us evermore
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen



DEDICATION PRAYER (UNISON)
Generous God, every good gift comes from your hand, and you entrust us with resources, abilities, and opportunities to serve your kingdom. Keep us from measuring our worth by what we produce or possess. Instead, teach us to invest our lives in love, mercy, and the building of community. Receive these offerings and use them to lift burdens, create hope, and strengthen your people. May we find joy not in accumulation, but in faithful relationship with you and our neighbors. May all that we offer today become a witness to your abundant grace. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* (see page 6)

COMMISSIONING + CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Wo Gott der Herr nicht bei uns hält*
by Johann Pachelbel

